TO MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN ; Sir, there may be many reasons, but, one reason in that it is being locally consumed.

MR. K. NARAYANAPRUMAL NADAR : May I know whether the export duty on jaggery is the primary cause ?

MR P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : Sir, that cannot be, because, in 1938 the Tariff value (for duty) was reduced from Rs. 12½ to Rs. 10 per Cwt.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether it is a fact that the Alleppey Chamber of Commerce recommended the abolition of this export duty ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : Sir, I am not aware of any such recommendation.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know whether these palmyra trees were felled in large numbers during the last five years ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : The Excise department has no record of the number of trees felled.

Tariff value of palmyra jaggery.

13. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the present tariff value of palmyra jaggery for purposes of export ; and

(*b*) whether any alteration was made in the tariff value of jaggery in 1938 or 1939 ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) The Present tariff value of palmyra jaggery for purposes of export is Bh. Rs. 10 per Cwt.

(*b*) Yes.

The tariff value of jaggery for purposes of export duty was reduced from Bh. Rs. 12-8-0 per Cwt. to Bh. Rs. 10-0-0 per Cwt., with effect from 6th December 1938. There was no change during 1939.

Trade statistics of Travancore for 1114 M. E.

14. * MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state why the value of merchandise such as jaggery or palmyra jaggery exported from Travancore or imported into Travancore during 1114 M. E., is not given in the first issue of Trade Statistics of Travancore for 1114 M. E. (1938-1939 A. D.) ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : The quantity and value of jaggery imported into and exported from Travancore during 1114 are published on pages 17, 51, 73, 230 and 320 of the Trade Statistics of Travancore for 1114.

Chief Inspector of the State Transport Department.

15. *MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any one has been appointed as Chief Inspector (C. T. I.) in the Travancore State Transport Department ;

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